

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Applicants would also like to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the February 1 Personal Interview. During the Personal Interview, the independent claims were discussed and contrasted with the cited references. The Examiner graciously indicated that amendments specifying that the object is an image file and the component payload contains image information would overcome the cited references.

Accordingly, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, locating a first component that is related to the uncached image, the first component including a component tag and a component payload, the component payload including image information, and the first component being present in either the cache or a storage system; locating a second component that is related to the uncached image in either of the cache, the storage system, or another storage system, the second component including a second component tag and a second component payload, the second component payload at least including additional image information; and constructing, by the cache, the uncached image at least from the located first and second components.

Independent Claim 43 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, locating at least one component that is related to an uncached image, wherein the uncached image comprises a plurality of components that are each individually identifiable and accessible and include image information; and assembling, by the cache, a portion of the uncached image from the located at least one component.

Independent Claim 44 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, locating at least one component, of a plurality of components, that is related to an uncached object, and includes image information; and assembling, by the cache, a portion of the uncached image from the located at least one component.

The features in the above claims are neither taught or suggested by the cited references.

With all rejections having been overcome, Applicants respectfully submit the application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.


Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 (T3653-8874US01) any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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